



## Securing a \$2 Billion Increase for the National Institutes of Health

### Securing Funding for Key NIH Investments:

- As Chairman of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies, Senator Blunt has fought for continued investments in biomedical research that will save lives and lower health care costs
- Senator Blunt secured \$32 billion for NIH in the omnibus appropriations bill that was signed into law in December 2015, a \$2 billion increase over the previous year's level
- The NIH funding provided an increase for every Institute and Center, including:
  - A \$350 million increase for Alzheimer's research at the National Institute on Aging, a 60 percent increase over last year's level
  - More than \$5 billion for the National Cancer Institute, a five percent increase over last year's level
  - \$200 Million for the new Precision Medicine Initiative, which will allow physicians to individualize treatments based on patients' unique genetic makeup
  - An \$85 million increase for the Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative, which will map the human brain to help researchers better understand and treat brain disorders such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases, traumatic brain injury (TBI), and depression
  - A \$100 million increase to expand efforts to develop new antibiotics, create rapid diagnostic tests, and build a national genome sequence database on all reported resistant human infections
  - \$12.6 Million for the Gabriella Miller Kids First Act, which prioritizes funding for pediatric cancer research

### Eliminating Ineffective Programs & Saving Taxpayer Dollars:

- In addition to the NIH increase, the Labor/HHS bill focused on increasing the efficiency and cost effectiveness of government
- The Labor/HHS bill eliminated 18 programs and reduced waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars, including preventing the administration from using discretionary funds to bail out the ObamaCare Risk Corridor program as well as defunding the unaccountable ObamaCare Independent Payment Advisory Board
- Overall, the omnibus rescinded more than \$5.5 billion in spending, did not fund more than 95 new programs or initiatives proposed by the president, and consolidated and terminated dozens of programs throughout the budget